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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Seattle, Washington 98101

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

REMARKS

Applicant requests that the above-identified application be re-examined.

The final Office Action in the above-identified application mailed September 4, 2003 ("Office Action"), rejected all of the claims remaining in this application (Claims 1-5, 7-9, and 11-42) on the grounds of double patenting in view of Claims 1-40 of Patent Application No. 09/806,966 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,605,338) and suggested that the filing of a terminal disclaimer could be used to overcome this rejection. As noted in paragraph 4 of the attached Declaration of Bruce Alfred Hardwick (discussed more fully below), U.S. Patent Application No. 09/806,966 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,605,338) is assigned to Securrency Pty Ltd. Securrency Pty Ltd. is a joint venture between the Reserve Bank of Australia ("RBA") and UCB SA, a Belgian company, which manufactures polymer substrates for use in the manufacture of banknotes. The present application is assigned to Note Printing Australia Limited. Note Printing Australia Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of RBA. Thus, while there is a relationship between the assignees of this application and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/806,966 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,605,338), the owning companies are different legal entities.

Regardless of the foregoing ownership issues, for the reasons set forth in the response to the last Office Action, which reasons are expanded below, applicant submits that the rejection of

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